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AMERICAN EDITORIAL OFFICE
120 WEST 32ND STREET
NEW YORK

13th November, 1914.

Curator
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We wish to get photographs for illustrating an encyclopaedia that we are about to bring out, of several seals, coins, medals, etc. figuring in American history, and we wish to know whether you could supply us with photographs suitable for reproduction, of any of the following subjects:

1. Seal of the Virginia Company
2. Seal of the Council of New England
3. Seal of New Netherland
4. Seal of the Proprietors of Carolina
5. New England Flag (1686)
6. Great Seal of New England under Andros
2 vars 7. Medal of Louisburg Taken (1758)
8. Medal of Quebec Taken (1759)
9. Pitt Medal - on one side a likeness of Pitt, on the other side: "The man who having saved the parent pleaded with success for her children" - in the Emmet collection of coins.
1795 & 50 10. Seal of the Board of War - in War of Independence.
1793 cent 11. The first copper coin and first gold coin struck in U.S.Mint.

We shall be very greatly obliged if you can give us suggestions as to where we could get reproductions of any of the items mentioned above, which you cannot supply.

Thanking you very much for your kindness in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA COMPANY,

RW-D PER R. Webster

Nov. 16, 1914.

The Encyclopaedia Britainnica
120 West 32nd Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Your favor of November 13th at hand. We have the following coins and medals here;-

Louisburg taken 1758, Quebec taken 1759, the Pitt medal, the first copper coin which is the 1793 cent, the first gold coin which is the 1795 five dollar or ten dollar gold piece.

We have no photographs of these, but we can have our photographer take them. He charges $1.75 a negative, and we can do all of them on two negatives. The Louisburg taken medal comes in two distinct varieties. It would cost no more to include each variety on our negative. We have also a very fine impression of the first silver dollar which is dated 1794.

Kindly let us know if you want us to go ahead with this photographing. The seals we cannot furnish. The different Historical Societies may be able to supply these.

Very truly yours,

The Encyclopaedia Britannica
AMERICAN EDITORIAL OFFICE
120 WEST 32ND STREET
NEW YORK

17th November, 1914.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, at 156th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for yours of the 16th in reply to my letter of the 13th. I am enclosing a check for $3.50 for which I hope that you will let me have as soon as possible the two negatives ($1.75 each) containing the following: Louisburg taken 1758 (two varieties); Quebec taken 1759; the Pitt medal; first gold coin (1795 5-or 10-dollar gold piece - could both these be put on?)

Thank you very much for sending me the photographs of the 1793 cent and of the first silver dollar.

Is there any particular form of acknowledgment that you wish used for these photographs?

Yours truly,

R. Webster

RW-D

Nov. 23, 1914.

The Encyclopaedia Britainnica
120 West 32 Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

I am sending you herewith the photographs ordered under your letter of the 17th.

You asked us if there was any particular form of acknowledgement that we wished used for these photographs. Naturally we want credit given for any of the pieces we have in our collection. If it is your custom to make any mention of the source from which you get your cuts etc., you might state from The American Numismatic Society.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

The Encyclopaedia Britannica
AMERICAN EDITORIAL OFFICE
120 WEST 32ND STREET
NEW YORK

1st December, 1914.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am very glad to acknowledge the receipt of the photographs of medals which you sent me on the 24th of November. May I thank you particularly for letting me have such good photographs.

Will it be possible for you to let me have photographic prints of the following medals:

1. Medal to Gates commemorating surrender of Burgoyne
2. Medal commemorating surrender of British armies at Saratoga and Yorktown
3. Medal to Paulding, Williams and Van Wart for capture of André
4. Medal to Jackson commemorating his victory at New Orleans 1815
5. Medal to Perry commemorating his victory on Lake Erie
6. Medal to John Paul Jones for capture of Serapis
7. Medal commemorating Treaty of Ghent
8. Medal to Grant for his victories at Vicksburg and Chattanooga

If you have not negatives for any of these, will it be possible for you to arrange to have photographs taken at the same rate as was charged for the medals and coins which you had photographed for me before?

Yours truly,

R. Webster.

RW-D

a line plate of the Paulding Williams
Van Wart medal (Capture of André)
can be found in

The Medallic History of the United States of
America 1776-1876 by J. F. Loubat LLD
(Duc de) N.Y. Published by the Author 1878

December 1, 1914.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica
120 West 32nd Street,
New York.
Attention of Mr. R. Webster,
Dear Sir:-

Confirming our conversation over the telephone, I beg to state that we are proceeding with the photographing of the medals requested in your letter of December 1st, with the exception of the Paulding Williams & Van Wart, For the Capture of Andre. We think we can get all of these medals on two negatives.

As regards the Capture of Andre medal, the writer thinks there is a specimen of this in the Massachusettes Historical Society. There is a line plate given of this in the Medallic History of the United States of America 1776-1876 by J. F. Loubat L.L.D. (Duc de) N. Y. published by the author, New York 1878. This is pictured on plate V.

The prints of those we are doing, we will try to give you by the end of the week.

Very truly yours,

The Encyclopaedia Britannica
AMERICAN EDITORIAL OFFICE
120 WEST 32ND STREET
NEW YORK

3d December, 1914.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Numismatic Society,
156th St & Broadway, N.Y.City

Dear Sir:

In regard to the medal for the capture of Andre about which you telephoned yesterday morning, it seems that it would be better on further consideration to have a photograph made from the line cut in the book which you mention - if this book is out of copyright. Would it be asking too much to suggest that you see whether the copyright of the volume has expired? If it has, will you please have the photograph made? If it has not, will you follow the suggestion that I made over the telephone - that is, have the actual medals photographed without this line cut of the Andre medal, and kindly let me know when you send me the prints, the exact whereabouts of the line cut, so that I may look it up and find out whether it will be possible to get permission for its reproduction.

Thanking you again for your kindness and interest, particularly in phoning to me, I am,

Yours very truly,

R. Webster II

RW-D

December 5, 1914.

Encyclopaedia Britannica
129 West 32nd Street,
New York.

Attention of Mr. R. Webster.

Dear Sir:-

I have just sent you the prints of the different medals you requested the other day, and to-day I have had the photographer make a negative of the Andre medal, with the instructions to send you the print direct as well as the bill for the three negatives.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I remain,

Very truly yours,

OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, 342 MADISON AVE.
LONDON, 125 HIGH HOLBORN

NEW YORK, January 15, 1924.

The American Journal of Numismatics,
The American Society of Numismatics,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

We are anxious to obtain for reproduction, in a history to be published shortly by this company, accurate pictures of the medals of the Great War (1914-1918). The medals of the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany should be represented, but lack of time prohibits obtaining any such material from Europe.

We should greatly appreciate any assistance that you may be able to give us in this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Stroyan Jr.

HH:HB

January 16th, 1924

H. E. Hooper, Jr., Esq.
The Encyclopædia Brittanica
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favour of January 15th with regard to the photographing of the medals of the Great War, we can look after you all right as we have specimens of virtually everything that you desire. We should, however, prefer to have you send a representative here who could make a selection, and I would suggest your telephoning for an appointment, asking for me. (Wadsworth 7735).

Very truly yours,

Curator

HM/E

OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, 342 MADISON AVE.
LONDON, 125 HIGH HOLBORN

NEW YORK

January 17th
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Mr. Howland Wood,
c/o The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Between 155th & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of January 16th with regard to photographing the medals of the Great War. Since my last letter the Editors have decided to temporarily dispense with this form of illustrating, but it is possible that in the near future we shall take advantage of your kind offer.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Franklin E. Hooper Jr.

HH:JB

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February 29, 1928

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

We should like very much to have a picture of a coin of the Empire on which Annona appears. In Roman Mythology she was the personification of the produce of the year. She was frequently represented standing between a Modius (corn measure) and the prow of a galley, with ears of corn in one hand and a cornucopia in the other; sometimes she holds a rudder or an anchor.

If you would find it possible to give us information by which we might secure such a photograph or picture which we could have permission to reproduce, we should appreciate it very much.

We trust that we may count on your interest and action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Marie Bauer

Marie Bauer
Research Department
THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, INC.

MB:CM

7th March, 1928

Encyclopedia Britannica,
New York, N.Y.

<u>Attention of Miss Marie Bauer</u>

Dear Madam:

I am herewith enclosing a photograph of a coin of Hadrian showing the Annona reverse requested by you in your letter, of February 28th. We are not satisfied with this print and I am having a lighter one made. If you are in no great hurry, the next time we are photographing I will re-photograph this and hope for better results. Let me know how much of a hurry you are in.

There is no charge for this print, as we did it in conjunction with other coins on the same negative.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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March 8, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

We wish to thank you both for your letter of March 7th and for the attached photograph of a coin of Hadrian showing the Annona reverse. The "A" volume of the Britannica is to be sent to press very shortly and if it would be possible for you, we should appreciate receiving a lighter print from you by March 23rd.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Marie Bauer

Marie Bauer
Research Department
THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, INC.

MB:CM

13th March, 1928

Miss Marie Bauer,
Research Department,
The Encyclopedia Britannica

Dear Madam:

I am herewith sending you a lighter print, which I think is an improvement on the print sent you the other day, of Annona.

Very truly yours,

Curator

14th March, 1928

Miss K. T. L'Engle,
Research Department,
Encyclopedia Britannica

Dear Madam:

I am herewith sending you another photograph of the Annana coin, which I promised you yesterday. This may be better than the ones sent previously.

Very truly yours,

Curator

LONDON, 125 HIGH HOLBORN

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March 15, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you again for your interest and co-operation with us in regard to the coin of Hadrian showing the Annona reverse.

We are most appreciative of your courtesy and action and trust that should we need your assistance again we may communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Marie Bauer

Marie Bauer
Research Department
THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, INC

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OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

December 11, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wood:

Will you please give the bearer the photographic material you have for us?

I want to thank you very much for your kind cooperation in regard to this Britannica plate. If you would like, I shall send you copies of the plate when printed, for your files, or to tip into your set of the Britannica.

Yours sincerely,

Hiram Bucharan

Research Department

ACB:S

New England Shilling
Pine Tree Shilling
Hexagy Tokens
Fugio Cent
Nova Constellatio
Wood Tokens
Newbie Cent
Rosa Americana
Vermont
Massachusetts
New Jersey

½ Dime
1793 Cent Hair Lock
Early Dollars
Early Gold

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VANDERBILT 3-5292

1. The New England shilling. The first coin made by the Colonists. Struck in Massachusetts.

2. The Pine Tree shilling. 1652. Made by John Hull in Boston.

3. The Lord Baltimore sixpence, made in England for Maryland about 1659.

4. The St. Patrick farthing brought from Ireland by Mark Newby in 1681 and used in New Jersey.

5. The Rosa Americana twopence made in England for the American Colonies in 1722 and 1723.

6. A copper token made about 1737 by John Higby at Granby, Connecticut to pass for three pence.

7. A halfpenny made in England for Virginia in 1773.

8. A cent made by the State of Connecticut from 1785 to 1788.

9. A cent made by Vermont in 1785 and 1786.

10. A cent made by New Jersey from 1786 to 1788.

11. A cent made by Massachusetts in 1787 and 1788.

12. The Nova Constellatio cent made for the United States in 1785 before the Mint was established.

13. The Fugio cent made for the United States in 1787.

14. The half disme 1792. One of the first coins made in the Mint. Said to have been made from silver furnished by George Washington.

15. The first type of cent 1793.

16. The first type of the silver dollar.

17. The first type of eagle and half eagle (5 and 10 dollar gold pieces) (need use only one).

18. The Confederate half dollar. Four only were made at the New Orleans Mint.

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OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

January 13, 1937

Dr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatics Society
156th St. and Broadway
New York City

My dear Dr. Wood:

I send you enclosed herein a velox of the NUMISMATICS plate together with the caption of the Early American Colonial and United States coins which you were so good as to arrange for us. May I ask that you look these over and see if the illustrations and the legend are correct. You will notice that the captions for numbers 15 and 16 are interchanged. This will, of course, be corrected.

Very sincerely yours,

F. H. Hobler

EDITOR

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Return envelope enclosed.